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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Satoru SUZUKI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3624
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Application No.: 09/815,422)	Examiner: Ella Colbert
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Filed: March 22, 2001)	
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For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS,)	Confirmation No.: 4553
CHARGING SYSTEM AND)	
METHOD, CHARGE)	
PROCESSING DEVICE,)	
STORAGE MEDIUM AND)	
PREPAID CARD)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated December 13, 2005, the period for response to which extends through January 13, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-7 and 30-33, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus, a charge processing device, and a storage medium for Central Processing (CPU) time;
- Group II - Claims 8, 14-16, 17-28, and 35, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an electronic apparatus and a system for settlement data monitoring, verification, and notifying;
- Group III - Claims 9, 13, and 29, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an electronic apparatus and a charging method for computing a chargeable time by weighting the used time measured according to different weighting factors;

- Group IV Claims 10-12, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an electronic device for text input detection, judging, and time charging;
- Group V Claim 34, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a prepaid card;
- Group VI Claims 36 and 37, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a money apparatus with a flat plate-like body with an electronic circuit;
- Group VII Claims 38 and 39, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a money selling device for selling a money apparatus; and
- Group VIII Claims 40-43, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an exchange rate announcing apparatus for determining the exchange rate based on used time.


Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-7 and 30-33.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 11, 2006

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